

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship is as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, SYSTEM, AND EXCHANGES (FINANCIAL,
STOCK, OPTION AND COMMODITY) BASED UPON REALIZED VOLATILITY**

the specification of which is filed concurrently herewith.

I hereby state that I reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I also acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37 CFR 1.63(d), which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the filing date of the continuation-in-part application, if this is a continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for the patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application: None

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**Verified Statement (Declaration)
Claiming Small Entity Status
(37 C.F.R. §§1.9(f) and 1.27(b)) -
Independent Inventor**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled:

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described in

- ☒ the specification filed herewith on February 15, 2000
- ☐ application serial no. _____ filed _____
- ☐ patent no. ____, issued _____

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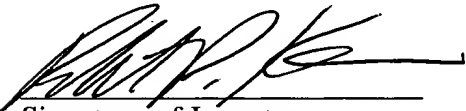
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